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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS REVIEW

1. SUMMARY: JORDANIAN PRESS NOV 5 DOMINATED BY KING HUSSEIN

INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK, IN WHICH HE STATES THAT JORDAN WILL

BE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT. SECRETARY'S

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MIDEAST TOUR ALSO FRONT-PAGE NEWS, AS ARE ANTI-PLO DEMONSTRATIONS

IN NEW YORK. ISRAELI EXPULSION OF WEST BANK NOTABLES ALSO FRONT PAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. MAIN STORY IN ALL JORDANIAN DAILIES NOV 5 IS KING HUSSEIN INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK. AR-RAYY HEADLINE: "HUSSEIN: JORDAN WILL BE FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT." AD-DUSTOUR: "NEW STATEMENT BY KING TO AMERICAN MAGAZINE NEWSWEEK." AS-SABAH: "HUSSEIN: JORDAN FIRST TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT." KING QUOTED AS MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT, ADDING, "HE ALSO AGREED TO ABANDON HIS FORMER PERSONAL IDEAS CONCERNING WAYS TO SOLVE THE ME IMPASSE AND JORDAN'S ROLE..DUE TO HIS MAJESTY'S KEEN DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ARAB UNITY...WITH RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIANS ON THE EAST BANK OF JORDAN, THE KING SAID THAT THEY WILL BE GRANTED THE CHOICE EITHER OF REMAINING HERE OR OF LEAVING JORDAN; IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS GUESTS UNTIL THE TIME THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND." KING ADDED THAT JORDAN CAN PROSPER WITHOUT WEST BANK, WITH ANNUAL REVENUE EXPECTED FURING NEXT 3-4 YEARS OF \$1BILLION.

3. BEGINNING OF SECRETARY'S CURRENT ME TOUR MENTIONED FRONT PAGE ALL DAILIES. AR-RAYY: "KISSINGER BEGINS TOUR OF AREA TODAY." AL-URDON: "KISSINGER URGES ME DISPUTANTS TO EXERT POSITIVE EFFORTS TO REACH SETTLEMENT." SECRETARY QUOTED AS SAYING IN BELGRADE, REPLYING TO QUESTION ON PLO RECOGNITION, THAT U.S. WILL DO ITS BEST TO KEEP SITUATION FROM WORSENING.

4. FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY, AD-DUSTOUR GIVES PROMINENCE TO REPORTS THAT ISRAELIS EXPELLED SEVERAL WEST BANK NOTABLES, INCLUDING "ALI AL-KHATIB, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B. PAPER QUOTES REUTERS REPORT THAT DEPORTEES NOW IN BEIRUT UNDER ONE-MONTH LEBANESE RESIDENCE PERMIT. "THE DEPORTATIONS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY A WAVE OF ARRESTS, ESPECIALLY OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS." NAMES ARE PUBLISHED. NEW YORK UN ANTI-AND PRO-PLO DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO REPORTED FRONT PAGE ALL DAILIES.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT FOCUSES ON SECRETARY'S VISIT AND HUSSEIN INTERVIEW. AS-SABAH EDITIROIAL ENTITLED "DOES KISSINGER KNOW WHAT HE WANTS?" NOTES, "AS HENRY KISSINGER NEARS THE AREA, THE ISRAELI OFFENSIVE DIRECTED AGAINST HIM PERSONALLY INCREASED.." WRITER REFERS TO SENATOR PROXMIRE'S "VIOLENT CENSURE OF NIXON'S UNCLASSIFIED

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GIFT TO SADAT, BUT HE FORGETS THAT AMERICA'S AID TO ISRAEL COSTS THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THIS DEBATE REVEALS THE WAVE OF ANTI-ARAB FEELING NOW SWEEPING THE USA..." IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE NEW TOUR," AD-DUSTOUR COMMENTATOR EXPRESSES ASTONISHMENT THAT SECRETARY'S MOOD APPARENTLY DEPENDS ON MOOD OF ISRAELIS: IF ISRAEL SHOWS OPTIMISM, SECRETARY SHOWS IT, AND IF ISRAEL SHOWS PESSIMISM, DITTO. "KISSINGER WILL CERTAINLY LOSE HIS ATRACTION AND MAGIC IF HE DOES NOT FREE HIMSELF

FROM THE SHACKLES OF THE ZIONISTS." ADDS THAT RECENT RABAT DECISIONS SHOULD NOT COMPLICATE PROBLEM "AS LONG AS EVETNS PROCEED ON THE ROAD OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS."

6. SECOND AD-DUSTOUR EDITORIAL PRAISES KING FOR CRUSHING RUMORS BY CLEARLY STATING THAT JORDAN WILL BE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINAIN GOVT. WRITER STRESSES PERMANENCE OF JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN "NATIONAL FABRIC."

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